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A GRAND TRIUMPHANT

Bradstreet's Review for 1906 says that the year just passed is a remarkable one. In spite of a number of draw backs, the onward movements—commercial, industrial and financial—viewed from the vantage ground of achieved results, has been a grand triumphant march of progress. Of especial interest was very favorable crops yield. There was a record breaking output of cereals, and the agricultural values were greater than any previous year. The total number of the six leading cereals were nearly five billion, the largest single increase being in corn. The values of all cereals and of all farm products are alike the greatest ever recorded. In all the financial circles there has been an increase in the volume of business. The combined bank clearings of the country aggregate sixteen billions more than in 1905, and both the imports and exports of the country, as well as the railway earnings, show great increase in dollars. Prosperity beyond precedent in 1906 and the high standard thereby established make predictions as to 1907 peculiarly difficult. However, the outlook may be regarded as favorable, as manufactures report orders from there to nine months ahead. All sections of all communities seem to be prosperous and spending more money than heretofore. The view indicates throughout in tone a certain reservation as to what the future may bring forth.

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WHAT RUM DOES

Colonel Robert Ingersoll, lately employed in a case, which involved the manufacture of ardent spirits, and in his speech to the jury he used the following language:

"I am aware there is a great prejudice against any man engaged in the manufacture of alcohol. I believe from the time it issues from the coiled and poisonous womb in the distillery until it creeps into the hall of death, dishonor and crime, that it is demoralizing to every one who touches it, from its source to where it ends."

"I do not believe that any one can comprehend the subject without being prejudiced against the crime. All we have to do is to think of the wrecks on either side of the steamer and deck, of scuttles, of the party, of the destruction, of the little children tugging at the breasts of the despairing wives, asking for bread, of the men of whom it has wreaked, of the struggling with imaginary serpents produced by the devilish; of the sinfulness of the ash-m, and the prisons and of the scaffold on either side."

"I do not wonder that every thoughtful man is prejudiced against the vile stuff called alcohol. Intemperance cuts down youth in its vigor, maddens in its wiles, and it wrecks the father's heart, betrays the doting mother, extinguishes the natural affection, erases conjugal love, blots out filial attachment, and blights parental hope, and brings premature age and sorrow to the grave. It produces weakness, not strength; sickness, not health; death, not life. It feeds rheumatism, nurses gout, welches epidemics, embraces consumption, invites cholera, imports pestilence, covers the land with misery, indolence and crime. It engenders dissension, fosters quarrels, incites riots. It croats your penitentiaries and furnishes victims for the scaffold. It is the blood of the gambler, and element of the burglar, the prop of the highwayman, and the support of the neighborhood incendiary."

"It maintains the liar, respects the thief, esteems the blasphemers. It violates obligations, reaves sues, frauds, hates love, spares innocence and virtue."

"It incites the father to take the life of the helpless offspring, and the children to the patricidal axe. It burns up men, consumes women, detests life, consumes God and despises heaven."

"It suborns wifes, nurses perfidy, defiles the jury box, and stains the judicial bench; and with the malice of despotism, it brings voting qualifications which corrupt elections and endangers the government."

"It degrades the citizen, debases the legislator, dishonors the statesman, and dishonors the patriot."

"It brings shame, not honor; terror, not safety; dispair, not hope; misery, not happiness; and with the malice of despotism, it corrupts elections and endangers the government."

"It degrades the citizen, debases the legislator, dishonors the statesman, and dishonors the patriot."

"The above was written by a man who has been called an 'atheist,' an 'agnostic,' an 'infidel,' and almost everything else by religious people, but, right here, this writer asks the readers of 'The Transcript' to compare the above with the actions of some church people of this town—Communicants—who sign applications for license to sell liquor, sign petitions to the court to grant license. Now then draw a comparison between the talk of 'Ingersoll' and their acts—if it will admit of comparison, I do not think it will—in trying to make more candidates for hell by praying the Court to put more temptation in the way of boys and weak men. It is bad enough for men to have no more thought or care for the welfare of their fellowmen, but is infinitely worse for women, who are or may become, wives and mothers. May God help the boys and girls now growing to manhood and womanhood, if the liquor traffic is not abated."

CONSTITUTIONAL

[Communicated.] THEIR CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHT

Middleton, Del., Feb. 1, 1907.
TO THE TRANSCRIPT:—Will you grant me the indulgence of sufficient space in your columns for a very few words?

The late convention of the Republican party in the State of Delaware, with a great deal of painstaking care, drafted and adopted a platform upon which it proposed to stand, and declared a policy which it pledged itself upon the honor of its leaders to pursue, if again intrusted with the administration of the government of the State. At the election following the party received a very substantial vote of confidence, returning to the Legislature thirty-six Republicans out of the fifty-two members.

Among its platform pledges, the party promised, if intrusted with power, to grant to the people their constitutional right to vote upon the question of "local option." The time allotted for the session of the General Assembly is now about half gone, and this promise yet remains unfulfilled. There would be nothing disquieting in this mere fact alone, for there is yet time enough for the keeping of every pledge which was so enthusiastically and vociferously made in convention. But the rumor is abroad that "The Bill" will pass the House but will meet its death in the Senate. It with deep and fervent interest that I ask the leaders of the party, can this be true? If it is true, then it follows that the party is either impotent on the one hand, or incapable on the other. Impotent, because it is unable to make good its platform pledges, or else incapable because it has not the wisdom to discern the crime committed against itself in the breach of them. I would be one of the last to accept either conclusion, yet I believe that, even in politics, honesty is the best policy as well as the best principle, and that it is not honest to make platform pledges and not keep them. If we fail in this behalf it will not be sufficient to say at the next hustings that our system of district representation in the General Assembly returned some Republicans who would not support the party's platform declarations. A very large body of men, without whose moral and actual support we cannot succeed, will not accept any such excuse. They will hold us accountable for what they will term a breach of faith on our part. We believe that the day has come even in Delaware, when mere party shibboleth will not be sufficient to win. The people want, and demand measures, and righteous measures. Whether the whiskey saloon and beer garden tends to good or evil among our citizens is one thing; and whether they shall be prevented from making their choice in that behalf by a very small minority, is another thing.

The simple provisions of the constitution in the matter are altogether democratic, and to refuse to permit them to make their choice thereunder is an outrage on common rights, and any party imbued with a true spirit of what we call democracy, could not refuse it, much less a party which had solemnly promised in its platform to grant it. My relation to the party is an humble one and I have no desire that it should be otherwise. If I did, I would probably be doomed to disappointment. Nevertheless I am one of the many who have earnestly believed in the principles that gave it birth. For more than thirty years I have toiled in its organization work. When other men were asleep I've trudged over lonely country roads till the small hours in the morning compassing every school house and hamlet from the Maryland line to the Delaware Bay, and whether others conceded it or not I claim the right to speak in "meetin." Every man, from the highest to the lowest, who accepted a nomination at the hands of the party, stands honor bound to do his utmost towards the realization of its platform pledges. And the State Committee which was elected by the convention that drafted and adopted the platform should do its utmost to accomplish that end. It is believed by many that the committee has it in its power to do much in that direction. Let its chairman call it together and let its members take as strong and inconsistent action as the convention that elected them. Their influence should be exerted upon the members of the General Assembly. The party's highest interests demand it. There are a large number of Republican members in the General Assembly who would not be there but for the votes of men who broke party alliances to support them in their belief that our promise was made to be kept. You have got these men to reckon with, and if you give them occasion to feel that they have been tricked, it is our opinion that you, in turn, will have occasion to regret it for a long time to come. To make platform pledges, and then sit quietly down behind the clergy, and allow the matter to go by default by a possible one or two votes, without an earnest effort on our part to prevent it, will not clear our skirts. We will not be able to prove an alibi on that in the next campaign.

MARTIN B. BURRIS.

CHURCH NOTES

The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "What is the Christian's duty to me and to the World." Phil. 2:1-8. Leader, Mrs. Ella Pennington.

SALES TO TAKE PLACE

TUESDAY, February 5th, 1907.—Public Sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Dr. C. H. Green, on East Main street, Middletown, Del. J. M. ARMSTRONG Auctioneer.

TUESDAY, February 11th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by W. C. McCoy, on the road from Odessa to Fenwick's Bridge. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, February 18th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Mrs. Mary E. Smith on Merritt N. Willets' farm, near Middletown. Jos. M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, February 19th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by H. G. Whittlock, near Mt. Pleasant. Joseph M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, February 14th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by H. G. Cannon, near Glasgow.

MONDAY, February 18th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by H. T. Vandike on the "Rothwell Farm," east of Smyrna. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, February 18th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by James Bidle, on "Cochet's farm," Cochet's Bridge. Geo. E. Davis, auctioneer.

MONDAY, February 18th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by J. E. Brockson, at Blackbird Landing. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, February 19th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Robert Armstrong, on the road from Christian to Cochet's Bridge. Geo. E. Davis, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, February 19th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by Vinton Moore, at his residence, near St. Georges. H. V. Buckson, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, February 20th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by J. D. McCoy, on the "Bowman Farm," on the road from Janison's Corner to St. Georges. Joe M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, February 21st, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Geo. Whifford, on the road from Summit Bridge to St. Georges. Geo. W. Padley, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, February 20th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by J. D. McCoy, on the "Bowman Farm," on the road from Janison's Corner to St. Georges. Joe M. Armstrong, auctioneer.

THURSDAY, February 21st, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by William Burge, near Union M. E. Church. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

WEDNESDAY, February 22d, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Thomas Lattimore, on the Crawford farm, 2 miles north of Townsend, on the road leading from Harman's Mill to St. Ann's Church. W. H. Reynolds, auctioneer.

MONDAY, February 25th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by J. Corbit Davidson, on the road from Red Lion to St. Georges. Geo. E. Davis, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, February 25th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by W. E. Burge, on the "Derrickson Farm," on the road from Smyrna to Taylor's Bridge. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

MONDAY, February 25th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by W. E. Burge, on the "Derrickson Farm," on the road from Smyrna to Taylor's Bridge. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

TUESDAY, February 26th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farming implements, etc., by Robert Armstrong, on the road from Christians to Cochet's Bridge. Geo. E. Davis, auctioneer.

MONDAY, February 26th, 1907.—Public sale of stock, farm implements, etc., by W. E. Burge, on the "Derrickson Farm," on the road from Smyrna to Taylor's Bridge. W. Harman Reynolds, auctioneer.

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Local News

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Math Close as Follows.

Going North—7:20 a.m., 10:35 a.m., 3:30 p.m., 4:45 p.m. and 9 p.m.
Going South—8:00 a.m., 4:15 p.m., and 9 p.m.
For Odessa—7:30 a.m., 8:30 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 4:15 p.m., and 9 p.m.
For Warfaw, Cecilton and Earville 8:20 a.m. and 4:45 p.m.

FOR RENT.—Dwelling West Main street, now occupied by Mr. Jacoby.

MARY SEEKING OFFICE

Politics was sizzling at the C. & N. Y. Hotel at Earville Wednesday before and after the regular monthly meet of the trustees of the institution. The fire under the political pot that caused it to boil so lively was the question who was to be elected superintendent of the hospital next month when the new board will meet for the first time and when organization will be effected.

At present B. Frank Blackburn is superintendent, and has been for the last five years. There are members in the present board, however, who seem to think Mr. Blackburn has been there long enough, and that he should give way to some other man. It is charged by his opponents that he is a little too extravagant in his method of running the place, and assert much money could be saved in the county if the trustees had a man in his place who would use more economy in financing the county institution.

Do not neglect your teeth. A little attention now will save you much pain and expense later on. Dr. J. Allen Johnson, Middletown, will make examination and estimate without charge. Gas given for painless extracting.

Pure Buckwheat Flour at Evans' Exchange Store.

FOR SALE.—A Mason Piano, cost \$400; has been used one year, in first-class condition. Will sell for \$175. Apply to

THEODRE WHITEL C.R.

FOR SALE.—A house 21x38 feet, nearly new; have no use for it, will sell cheap.

A. L. ORELL,
Odesa, Del.

Hustlers wanted everywhere \$25 to \$30 made weekly. Distributing Circulars, packages, overseeing Out Door Advertising. Experience not needed, new plan. No canvassing. Address, Merchants Out Door Advertising Co., 70 Dearborn St., Chicago.

FOR SALE.—The "Vail Farm," containing 120 acres, at Hickory Grove, 2 miles from Delaware City. This is an exceptionally fine farm. Also the home farm of Thomas Reese, near Chesapeake City, containing 110 acres, with everything in complete order. These are two fine homes. GEORGE W. INGERS.

MONTGOMERY will pay cash for Black Walnuts in the shell.

Leave your laundry at Jones' barber shop. The best of work and prompt service.

Edison Phonographs and Records for sale at WALTER MCNAUL'S.

FOR RENT.—Large commodious corner store in Odessa, now occupied by F. B. Watkins. Apply to

D. W. CORBIT,
Odesa, Del.

You don't have to go to the city to hear the latest Edison Phonograph Record. WALTER MCNAUL has them.

EXTRACTIONS ABSOLUTELY PAINLESS, a specialty, on the new improved Sandovaline gas. No after effect. For moderate prices and perfect satisfaction guaranteed on all dental work, call and see

Dr. G. A. BURTON.

We hope our subscribers will send in the amount due us. Each dollar means a year's work for us, and while we have been waiting on you, obligations have been growing and we now need prompt payment of these bills, even if they are only one dollar.

Mid winter had another heavy snow storm Thursday night and in a short time the ground was covered. The storm began after 8 o'clock in the evening and continued until after midnight. The fall was the heaviest which has yet occurred.

Unclaimed Letters.—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post office for the week ending Jan. 24th: Miss Harriet Douglas, Miss Laura Hall, Miss Leinly Ray, W. S. Burris Mrs. Samuel Merritt, Mr. Charley Tolson.

Mrs. Frank J. Pennington entertained the Matinee encircle club on Wednesday. The first prize was a Japanese tray won by Miss Martha Cochran; second prize, a plate, won by Miss Julia Lockwood; consolation, little child's pig, won by Mrs. W. T. Connelly; guest's prize, won by Miss Jessie Cochran.

We take the following from the Philadelphia *Financial Bulletin*, of January 26th: "Mr. John J. Hoffecker, the well-known real estate broker, has been elected a director of the Aldine Trust Co. Mr. Hoffecker is president of The Delaware Society of Philadelphia. Mr. Hoffecker has many friends here who are always glad to hear of his success in the Quaker City.

There will be a late spring, the opinion of one who during fifty years of the study of the habits of creatures of wood and field, has been a close weather observer as well as is familiar with all the signs that aid the prognosticator. "An open winter such as this has been," he says, "is certain to be followed by a late and backward spring. Thus far there have been few snow storms and no protracted cold snaps. There has been no heavy ice on rivers or creeks. This means that cold weather will come in March and April and may extend into May. As a consequence, planting of crops will be delayed."

Mrs. W. H. Moore entertained the members of the W. C. T. U. and a few other friends at her home, on Saturday evening last. A very delightful programme was given, consisting of vocal music by Mrs. A. W. Lightbourne, Misses May Kumpel, May Buelin and Maud McClintic and instrument music by Misses Sylvia Moore and Maud McIntrye. Miss Moore recited "When Angelina Johnson comes swinging down the line," and Miss Kumpel recited. A handsome table was presented to Mrs. Moore, who is president of the W. C. T. U., by the members of the union. Ice cream, cake and coffee were served. These present were: Dr. and Mrs. C. A. Ritchie, Mr. and Mrs. C. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore, Mrs. A. W. Lightbourne, Mrs. M. B. Morris, Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker, Misses Emma Merritt, Ida Cleaver, Maud McIntrye, Sylvia Moore, May Buelin, May Kumpel and Horace Moore.

CECILTON

The people are taking advantage of this cold weather and filling their ice houses.

Mr. Joseph Beekman, of Philadelphia, is visiting Mr. John Stephens, near town.

Mr. John Lattoum, of Warwick, spent Friday with Mr. Albert Watt.

Miss Hydie Boulton is spending a few days with relatives in Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Manlove, of Warwick, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. Robert Snyder and wife.

Mr. William Alderson entertained on Sunday Misses Annie and Mollie Rickards.

Mr. Robert Anderson, Jr., of St. John's, Annapolis, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr. Robert Anderson and wife.

Mr. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore, Mrs. A. W. Lightbourne, Mrs. M. B. Morris, Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker, Misses Emma Merritt, Ida Cleaver, Maud McIntrye, Sylvia Moore, May Buelin, May Kumpel and Horace Moore.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Grace Parvis spent part of last week in Philadelphia.

Miss Sylvia Moore and Maud McIntrye, of Cheltenham, Pa., spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore.

Miss Mary Lloyd, of Philadelphia, visited friends here last week.

Miss Eliza Green had been visiting in Philadelphia.

Miss Maria Nowland left this week for a month's visit with relatives in New York.

Mrs. M. B. Borris entertained her sister, Mrs. Arthur, of Kenton, last week.

Messrs. Lloyd Bradgion and George Kelley, Jr., spent Sunday with their parents here.

Mrs. Richard Cann was in Dover this week, when the Dover Century Club met with the State Board of Education.

Mrs. Earl Baum, of Delaware City, is the guest of her brother, Mr. John Armstrong and family.

TOWNSEND

Frank Lattoum, of near Wilmington, is visiting in town.

Miss Mary Money is visiting Miss Lillie Pierce, of Cecilton.

Miss Lena Baker, of Dover, is visiting Mrs. W. H. Reynolds.

Mr. Ginn, of near St. Georges, was a brief visitor in town on Sunday.

Miss Jessie Chandler, of Smyrna, is visiting Miss Ethelwyn Maloney.

Miss Anna Dryden, of Baltimore, Md., is visiting Mrs. W. H. Reynolds.

The Y. W. C. T. U. met at the home of Mr. Lloyd Knotts on last evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Davison, of Georgetown, were brief visitors with Jacob Spicer.

Mr. and Mrs. George Merritt, of the Manor, Md., are visiting W. N. Watts.

Marshall McGaw, of Reading, Pa., visited Miss Ethelwyn Maloney on Friday.

Miss Ethelwyn Maloney entertained on Monday Clifford Simpler, of Pittsburgh, Pa.

DEATH OF MRS. SARAH B. KATES

After an illness of many months Mrs. Sarah B. Kates died at the home of her son, Mr. W. B. Kates on East Main street, on Saturday, January 19th, in the 82d year of her age. She had lived in Middletown since 1864, coming here from New Jersey after her marriage in 1854. She was the widow of the late William Kates, the well-known restaurateur, who died some years since. She was twice married, her first husband being named Brown, by whom she had one daughter, and another daughter, Mrs. John Morris, of Smyrna.

Mr. and Mrs. William Spicer, of Blackbird, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Spicer.

Miss May Marvel, of Wilmington, visited Mrs. Walter Ingram on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Ginn, of Wilmington, are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Ginn.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lee, of near Smyrna, spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Maggie Lee.

Miss Anna Sharpless has been quite sick for the past week and unable to occupy her school room.

The pie social which the Y. W. C. T. U. held in the hall on Friday evening was a success, the proceeds amounting to about eight dollars and sixty-five cents.

Mr. and Mrs. George Vandyke and daughters attended an oyster supper given at the home of their son, Horace Vandyke, on Wednesday evening.

Rev. Burton L. Rockwell, National Evangelist, of the Sons of Temperance, of North America, preached a very fine sermon in the M. E. Church on Sunday morning. He also gave a grand temperance lecture on Tuesday evening. He organized a branch of the Sons of Temperance and quite a number signed the total abstinence pledge.

Miss Estella Vandyke entertained the Fort Nightly Society at her home on Tuesday evening. The evening was a very laughable and enjoyable one, their quotations were from Longfellow, at a late hour refreshments were served. Miss Lena Staats and Miss Helen Start will entertain the society on Valentine's day.

The entertainment which Prof. Harrington, of Boston, gave on Monday evening with the help of Miss Jones, of Wilmington, and also the class of singers which have been under his instruction for the past week was a grand success. The little folks sang two very pretty selections. Miss Jones said to be the finest selection in Delaware and Prof. Harrington says that she can truly say that he never heard a drier.

ORGAN RECITALS

A series of organ recitals and musical services will be held at St. Anne's Episcopal Church on Sunday afternoons at 3:30. The first recital will take place Sunday, February 3d. All are cordially invited. Selections from the works of great composers will be rendered. Next Sunday the following numbers from Handel's compositions will be given. Largo, (organ), "Angels ever Bright and Fair!" from the Oratorio, "Theodora" (vocal), Hallelujah Chorus from the Messiah (organ). The Rector will give instructions in Church music, and will teach one new hymn to the congregation at each service.

PORT PENN

Mrs. Etta Hall is visiting in town.

Miss Florence Carpenter visited Misses Rayne on Wednesday.

Mr. Richard Moore visited his brother on Sunday.

Quite a number are busy fitting their houses, the ice is said to be in a fine condition.

Mr. Ottis Carey drove a party of young folks on a straw ride to Delaware City, where they attended an entertainment. The party consisted of Mrs. Sam'l Eaton, Mr. Etta Hall, Mrs. Ollie Voshell, Mrs. Ethel Yarbro, Lena Ostenson, Annie Newson, Addie Bandler, Blanche Yearsley, Zara Zacheis, Lena Ostenson, Lina Bandler, Margaret Huston, Mrs. Bayard Yearsley, Melvin Zacheis, Horace Eaton, Etta Eaton, Ottis and Ottis and Ottis.

KENT LOCAL OPTION

DOVER, Del., Jan. 31.—A new local option agitation to-day, when Senator Remond C. Barnard, Republican, of Kent county, signed the petition for the submission of the question of whether liquor shall be sold to the qualified voters of that county. Mr. Barnard's signature gives the number required by the Constitution to provide for legislative enactment for a vote on the liquor license question in Kent county.

Senators Jester, Democrat, and Hous-

ton, Republican, also have signed the county petition and in the House eight of the ten Kent members signed, as follows: Messrs. Eggleston, Garrison, Conwell, Culbudge, Taylor, Hirsch, Rash and Harrington. The Kent Senators who did not sign are Morris and Conner and the Representatives are T. L. Copper and Knott.

It is expected that a local option bill for Kent county will be introduced in the House in a few days, and that it will pass that body. The prediction is made that it will have broad sailing in the Senate, where but eight votes—one short of a majority—are counted for it by its supporters.

For rural New Castle county: By Sena-

tors Hart and Mendenhall and Repre-

sentatives Corbin, Evans, Flinn, Hodson,

Richards and Staats; backs the signature of one Senator of having a majority.

For Sussex—By Senators Hiffe and Reed and Representatives Doneaway, El-

liott, Newton, Palmer, Richardson and Williams; backs the signature of one Senator of having a majority.

Mr. Parker, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWhorter, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore, Mrs. A. W. Lightbourne, Mrs. M. B. Morris, Mrs. C. A. Hoffecker, Misses Emma Merritt, Ida Cleaver, Maud McIntrye, Sylvia Moore, May Buelin, May Kumpel and Horace Moore.

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ODESSA

Miss Grace Parvis spent part of last week in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Maud McIntrye, of Cheltenham, Pa., spent last Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Moore.

Miss Mary Lloyd, of Philadelphia, visited friends here last week.

Miss Eliza Green had been visiting in Philadelphia.

Miss Maria Nowland left this week for a month's visit with relatives in New York.

Mrs. M. B. Borris entertained her sister, Mrs. Arthur, of Kenton, last week.

Mr. Alvin Rose entertained his friend, Mr. Will Wagner, of Philadelphia, on Tuesday.

Mrs. Margaret Stradley, of Red Lion, is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Josephine A. Rineke.

Mrs. John Spicer and Miss Maude Dolby, of Georgetown, have been spending this week with relatives in and near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dulin, of King-
ston, N. Y., spent Sunday here with his father, Mr. Elwood Dulin.

Mr. Charles Meege, of Philadelphia, was a visitor in town on Sunday.

Mrs. Louise N. Corbit is visiting friends at Bryn Mawr, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Corbit are spending something in Wilmington.

Mrs. Mary W. Townsend is the guest of relatives in Wilmington.

Mrs. Joseph H. Enos entertained the Ladies Aid Society at her home on Wednesday evening of this week.

Rev. Alfred Smith, D. D., Wilmington Conference Temperance Evangelist, will address union meeting of the Presbyterians and Methodists at the M. E. Church here Sunday evening, February 3d. All are cordially invited to attend.

Mr. Lloyd Bradgion, George Kelley, Jr., spent Sunday with their parents here.

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Spitzer are spending something in Wilmington.

Mrs. Earl Baum, of Delaware City, is the guest of her brother, Mr. John Armstrong and family.

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A BURIED VALENTINE

BY ELIZABETH ROBERTS MACDONALD

The wind had blown fiercely all night, and all the day before. The snow still fell, but the gale had died away, and the worst storm of the winter was nearly over. Agnes Clifford, looking out of the parlor window, rejoiced in the great drifts.

Aunt Caroline, she exclaimed, turning to a frail-looking lady in heavy black who sat near by, I am going for a snow-shoe tramp over those splendid drifts. You won't be lonely with your new novel, dear, will you?

Aunt Caroline hesitated a moment. In her own secret heart she considered snow-shoeing an unlady-like amusement. But her late husband had said to her, a few days before his death: Remember, Caroline, it is your duty to make Agnes happy, and this injunction was always sounding in her ears. Besides long walks, skating and snow-shoeing brought my color and brightness to the clear-cut girlish face to any other occupation—except perhaps that of painting, and that was a suitable employment in Aunt Caroline's opinion. Agnes thought of that, too, as she noticed her aunt's hesitation, and she said: I will take my sketch book, and bring you back something pretty, if I can.

Very well, my child, Mrs. Castleton consented; but wrap yourself up warmly, and take Bevis with you for company. Remember, I shall be anxious if you stay too long.

A few minutes later Agnes kissed her aunt good bye, with a merry: Only for an hour or two, auntie, and went out through the kitchen to give her directions to Hepsie.

Don't forget aunt's cup of cocoa at eleven, Hepsie; and look in occasionally to see if she wants anything.

Law sakes, Miss Agnes, you ain't ever going out in this snow! You'll get lost and frozen and buried in the drifts!

Oh, dear, I hope not! Agnes laughed; but if I'm not home by twelve, you will know it is time to dispatch John for me!

John came in at this moment and stood by the door, stamping and shaking himself free of his white covering.

Bless your heart, Miss Agnes, be you going to look for a valentine? You won't find none, in weather like this, I'm afraid!

Why, is this Valentine's Day? Agnes cried; I had quite forgotten. Who knows, I may find a gnome-king, or a fairy prince, who will come alive, in the fields to-day!

She waved good-bye to the admiring old couple who watched her from the doorway, and swung off with the long, easy tread of an experienced snow-shoer. Bevis, the big St. Bernard, plunged heavily after. They made a pretty addition to the winter landscape—the tall girl in her blue coat and toque, and the beautiful, massively-built dog.

The fields spread spotless and uneven before them; the spruce woods to the left were magnificently draped in white. Agnes went down over the wheat field and through the hilly sheep-pasture, in the direction of the heavily-wooded ground at the back of the farm. The air was not too cold for dreams, and she found herself going back to the happiest year she could remember in her life.

Agnes had been left an orphan when a very little child. She could not remember her parents, but she had their portraits, and thought of them always as they were in those beautiful miniatures—the smiling, radiant boy and girl in the first pride of their love. Her Uncle Castleton, wealthy man not blessed with an appreciation of children, had sent her to a good boarding school as soon as she was old enough. Then he and Aunt Caroline moved to New Brunswick, and as the select school seemed to him quite satisfactory, little Agnes was left behind to be trained up to young ladyhood. Aunt Caroline had felt a mild wish to keep the child with her, but she never dreamt of expressing either wish or opinion opposed to those of her autocratic husband.

So until she was nineteen Agnes remained at school; then she came one enchanted year spent at the home of a school-friend at Montreal. That winter she met Jack Dudley—met him at every party, met him at quiet home evenings, sat beside him at concerts and theatres, and grew to love the strong, quiet nature before she knew it. Then, one morning in early summer, came the sudden

drag him out of the hut.

Laughing and crying, unexplainably relieved and unreasonably angry at herself, Agnes sat down beside her patient and lifted his head to her knee.

Then you aren't shamming, Mr. Dudley!

Will you tell me what is the matter? she said with great severity, somewhat counteracted by the touch of her hand on his forehead.

Shamming! Agnes! There was a pause, and then he possessed himself of both her hands and looked steadily into her eyes.

My leg is broken, I think, and I'm naturally a little cold.

But—dearest, the leg doesn't matter; you must listen! I never

found out where you lived till a few weeks ago. Your friend

had gone away when I came back to Montreal.

You know—no, of course you don't know—but I

was in England for more than a year, nursing my father, and then—he died. I wrote to you twice, and told you—something

and when no answer came I

thought of course you didn't care.

Oh, stupid, stupid boy! And I never got your letters!

Then, at last, I managed to trace you. I came to Fredericton, and there they directed me to Woodlands Settlement. So I took a train, but it left me miles away, and I started to finish my journey on snow-shoes. That was yesterday. I got tea at a farmer's house, and he said I had come to the Back Settlement, and tried to keep me all night. Of course I had been directed wrongly at the station. I left Mr.—I forgot his name—about nine. He gave me a lantern, and I would have got on finely, only I pitched over some big fallen tree, or something, and my leg went snap, and I just managed to crawl here. It was pretty bad night, dear heart, but I didn't freeze. This little house saved me from that.

You poor boy! What pain you must be in! Wait a minute, though; I know what to do!

She tore a leaf from her sketch book and hastily wrote a few imperative lines to John. Then she folded it carefully, gave it to Bevis, and pointing in the direction of the house, she said, Go home! The intelligent creature licked her hand and looked questioningly in her face, then gave a bark and plunged hastily away among the trees.

It was nearly an hour before John arrived, with two stalwart youths from the next farm and a hastily improvised litter. In that hour, in spite of pain and anxiety, the lovers grew to understand each other perfectly at last.

A fortnight later, when Jack was promoted to the drawing-room sofa, and Agnes sat beside him, they fell to making plans for the future, as the wedding was to be in a month, and they were all to go to Fredericton to prepare for it as soon as Jack could be moved. Mrs. Castleton came in while they were in the mist of cloudland, and sat down with pleased interest to put in a word about silks and laces and the latest fashions in traveling suits.

And oh, Agnes, how queer it will be to hear you called Mrs. Dudley!

Agnes flushed, and Jack raised himself with an air of apprehension funny to behold.

Why, she won't be! Dearest, don't I tell you? You will be

Lady Stratmorth. Father was the Earl—I thought you knew—

and I am the only son. Oh, by Jove, Agnes, I hope you don't mind!

She was on her knees beside him in a moment, the white, unseeing face clasped close.

Jack, dear Jack! Darling, darling boy!

She knew that he was dead, and in the transports of her grief and tenderness all petty considerations fell to nothingness. Pride, wounded vanity, disbelief in his love, scorn of self for giving love unsought—all vanished in the one supreme realization of what he was to her, and what life would be without him.

Her tears fell fast on his face. She drew back to dash them aside—and the brown eyes opened wide in a look of unutterable content. At first the mere joy of seeing him alive kept all other thoughts far off, and her incoherent murmur: Aren't you dead? was very close to his ear.

A glad laugh, and the whisper,

Not unless you are, too, and this

is heaven, brought her back to a memory of what she had said.

She sprang to her feet and was the stately Miss Clifford in a moment.

Jack Dudley struggled to a sitting position, then fell back with a groan of pain. Bevis pushed past Agnes and began to gaze at the expanse of trying to

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WANTS TO TAX BACHELORS

Representative Bennum Gives Notice of a Measure to Make Men Over 25 Years of Age Pay

Dover, Del., Jan. 29.—There was a laugh in the House during Tuesday's session of the Legislature when Representative Bennum of the "soft shell crab district" down in Sussex county gave notice that he will introduce a bill to "impose a tax upon unmarried male persons of the age of twenty-five years and upwards, commonly known as bachelors."

His bill has not been prepared, and it is expected some difficulty will be experienced in shaping it so that it may stand the test of attack on the ground that it would be class legislation.

The local commissioners, at the meeting, formulated their final report to the Delaware Legislature. Prior to their discharge, however, they will arrange for the setting of the stones marking the head of Delaware bay.

BOUNDARY COMMISSION MEETING

It is not likely that the final meeting of the joint commissioners of New Jersey and Delaware named to draft uniform fishing laws and to determine and mark the dividing line between the Delaware river and bay, will be held until after the two boundary monuments have been erected on the two sides of the river. This will not be before the last of March.

The local commission held a meeting in the office of Alexander B. Cooper in Wilmington, Saturday morning and discussed the final matters before them.

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Buckwheat Cakes

There is nothing on the dining room table and nothing that could be placed there that is so great and formidable an enemy to the human face as buckwheat cakes. They are sure to make the complexion yellow and covered with eruptions. Don't insult your face by putting buckwheat cakes into it. They head the entire list of complexion destroyers. Exchange.

NOTICE TO TAX-PAYERS

—OF—

Blackbird Hundred!

The taxable residents of Blackbird Hundred, and all persons liable to pay tax in said Hundred, are hereby notified that the Taxes for the year 1906 are now due, and the undersigned Tax Collector for said Hundred, will be:

RETAIN WHIPPING POST

Dover, Del., Jan. 29th.—That Delaware will retain the whipping post and "cat-o'-nine tails" as a means of punishing offenders was assured to day, when the Senate committee on revised statutes reported unfavorably the bill to abolish the post and public flogging.

That the preponderance of sentiment is almost solid for a retention of the ancient form of corporal punishment can be gleaned from the fact that the committee was unanimous in its unfavorable report.

It is expected the bill will be called up in a day or two and will be killed by a decisive majority. None of the Assemblymen has appeared as a champion of abolishing the flogging of bared-back prisoners, and David Ferris of Wilmington, is the only person who appeared here to advocate the passage of a law to throw the whipping post on the rubbish heap.

Representative Messick to-day received by mail from New York a long type written screech from some unknown person who says he is a former convict who has served in Delaware jails. He scoffs at the efficacy of the whipping post as a deterrent of crime and points out that he has been ill-treated in more cases and has fear of a repetition of the flogging.

It was ordered that the bill be referred to the Committee on Corporal Punishment.

It was voted to retain the post.

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